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City of Fremont City Manager Names Interim Fire Chief

Fremont, CA – May 21, 2004 – Fremont City Manager Jan Perkins announced her decision to appoint Bill Reykalin as the City of Fremont's Interim Fire Chief effective June 12, after Fire Chief Willie McDonald leaves to take the position of Fire Chief in Scottsdale, Arizona. Reykalin will lead the Fremont Fire Department while the recruitment for a new Fire Chief is underway.

Reykalin has 28 years of municipal Fire Department service experience, and has served as a Division Chief for the City of Fremont for the past 10 years. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Fire Marshal for the City of Fremont from 1998 until the present time. During his tenure in Fremont, he has worked as the Emergency Manager and served as one of the architects of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Reykalin is active in the community and is a member of the Fremont Rotary Club. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College in Business Management and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer's Program.

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